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**Subject:** Urban Sprawl - we need to stop and reflect longer

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and city councillors.

I have been reading information provided by Environment Hamilton, an organisation that I have trusted in the past on Climate Change issues. And so I have been impelled to write and ask that your decision about Hamilton's urban boundary be put on hold until after the COVID pandemic. People are too preoccupied with the dangers of illness to think about what is happening to their future city.

By making such an important decision about future housing as a time when most of us are too fearful about leaving our homes is not a wise decision. There needs to be a chance for all residents to have input not just those who have access to their own computers. When I see how the library computers are used by an enormous number of people any decision you make without allowing input from all members of society will paint you as a council that only cares about the ones who might re-elect you.

As to the urban boundary eating into farm lands this is not a sensible decision. Why can't we grow food on our doorsteps and save emissions from transportation. Eating local is better for us and for the planet.

As a society we need to rethink the space we have in the city and build up rather than outwards. Housing costs are rising and more affordable housing is needed in the city, close to transportation, rather than homes sprawling into the green spaces that are needed for our sanity.

I hope that council will take the sensible decision and tell Mr. Ford that more time and consideration are needed before embarking on 30 years of paving over some of the most beautiful areas that surrounded our great city.

I hope that you all think carefully before March 29<sup>th</sup> and realise that speed on this is the wrong decision at this time.

respectfully, Sue Carson.

Sue Carson